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CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371						
	TIONAL APPLICATION NO. 004/018950	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 17 DECEMBER 2004	PRIORITA DATE CHAIMED 19 DECEMBER 2003			
TITLE OF	INVENTION ASTAXANTHIN-CONTA	INING PET FOODS				
	NT(S) FOR DO/EO/US HONDA, Tomoaki et al.					
Applican	t herewith submits to the United Sta	ates Designated/Elected Office (DO/EC	D/US) the following items and other information:			
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2.	This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT s	submission of items concerning a submission	n under 35 U.S.C. 371.			
3.	This is an express request to begin nation (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.	ional examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 37	1(f)). The submission must include items			
4.	The US has been elected (Article 31).		·			
5. 🗸	A copy of the International Application	n as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))				
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6.	An English language translation of the	e International Application as filed (35 U.S.C	C. 371(c)(2)).			
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7. 🗹	Amendments to the claims of the Inte	ernational Application under PCT Article 19 ((35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))			
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8.	An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).					
9. 🗹	An oath or declaration of the inventor	r(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). unexecuted				
10.	An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).					
Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:						
11.	An Information Disclosure Statement	under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.				
12.	An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.					
13. 🗸	A preliminary amendment.					
14.	An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.					
15. 🔲	A substitute specification.					
16.	A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.					
17.	A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821- 1.825.					
18.	A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).					
19.	A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).					

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